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COMMONWEALTH EDISON ACCUSED OF HAVING "YELLOW DOG" FUND

**Seymour Stedman, Attorney for James B. Hogarth, Says
Light Trust Spent \$301,724.83 for "Counsel Fees"
in 1914—State Body to Investigate Charges.**

The Commonwealth Edison Co. paid \$301,724.83 for "legal expenses" last year.

This money is "a yellow dog fund," according to Seymour Stedman, attorney for J. B. Hogarth in a suit before the public utilities commission today for lower light rates.

"We would like to see a statement of exactly what this big lump of money has gone for," said Stedman. "It was paid out to lawyers. We can understand where part of it goes. Lawyers must have their fees. Court costs are expensive. Stenographers require their wages. And part of it was paid of r stationery and keeping offices.

"It will take more than such items

to eat up \$301,724.83, however. Legal expenses of the New York Interborough System last year were only \$54,630; the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry, \$204,000; the Burlington Road, \$283,000; the Rock Island, \$283,000. We would like to know why a corporation not doing any business outside of Cook county has to pay lawyers more than a transcontinental railroad."

"I would call it a 'persuasion fund.' I would like to ask Mr. Insull before the commission whether any part of this fund was paid for creating public sentiment."

The Hogarth petition says Sam Insull and his pals on the Chicago Elevated Railways Collateral trust put